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1. PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI, ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE PARTY OF HIGH-RANKING YEMENI OFFICIALS, DEPARTED MORNING OF DEC. 19 ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO COMMUNIST CHINA AND NORTH KOREA. ENROUTE HE ALSO PLANNED A VISIT TO SHARJA AS WELL AS A LAYOVER IN KARACHI.

2. AL-HAMDI EXPECTS TO BE BACK IN YEMEN ON OR ABOUT DEC. 26.

3. COMMENT: VISIT TO PEKING WHICH WAS POSTPONED FROM LAST SUMMER BECAUSE OF CHINESE EARTHQUAKES IS PRIMARILY A "PROTOCOLAIRE" GESTURE IN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI. WHILE NOTHING OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE SHOULD COME OT OF THE YEMEN MAY HOPE TO GET ADDITIONAL CHINESE DEVELOPMENTAL AID AS WELL AS PERHPAS EVEN SOME TOKEN MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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